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## **Group of Independent Experts on the European Charter of Local Self-Government**

## ***Groupe d'Experts indépendants sur la Charte européenne de l'autonomie locale***

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## **RENEWAL OF THE GROUP OF INDEPENDENT EXPERTS RENOUVELLEMENT DU GROUPE D'EXPERTS INDÉPENDANTS**

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<sup>2</sup> This list includes the name of one full member and one or several alternates for each state. By virtue of Article 5 of the Revised Statute of the Group of Independent Experts on the European Charter of Local Self-Government (CG/GIE(2017)01final), members were appointed by decision of the Secretary General of the Congress.

*Cette liste comprend le nom d'un membre titulaire et d'un ou plusieurs remplaçants au titre de chaque pays. En application de l'Article 5 du Statut révisé du Groupe d'Experts indépendants sur la Charte européenne de l'autonomie locale (CG/GIE(2017)01final), les membres ont été désignés par décision du Secrétaire General du Congrès.*

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